



# Patricia Jursik *Update*

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## Transit Changes

Bus riders will see changes on **Sunday, January 29, 2012**. The Route 15's two branches will be divided. Express buses will be introduced along three main corridors of the County.

Given the loss of \$6.8 million in State funding, our transit system faced the elimination of 21 routes. However, we received a federal grant to implement express service along popular corridors for three years. To avoid duplication of services and preserve access to jobs, restructuring was necessary.

The **restructured Route 15** will run along Chicago Avenue. Every bus will now make a loop at Madison, 5<sup>th</sup> and Columbia Avenues. Route 15 will continue along Packard and Kinnickinnic Avenues, 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Milwaukee Avenue through Downtown Milwaukee, Holton Street and Port Washington Road to Bayshore Mall.

The **Bayshore-Airport Green Express bus** will travel along Oakland Avenue near UW-Milwaukee, pass through Downtown Milwaukee and take Chase and Howell Avenues to General Mitchell International Airport.

The **new Route 52** will assume the western path of the old Route 15. Route 52 will begin at Mitchell Street, traveling south along Kinnickinnic, Clement, Pennsylvania and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenues to Drexel Boulevard and Chicago Avenue.

Details are posted on this [main webpage](#), with a [map](#) of the South Shore restructuring and [frequently asked questions](#).

Please contact my office if you have any concerns or need help in planning your commute. I regret that changes may disrupt people's commuting routines. These changes are the result of our bus system having to "do more with less" each year. Until the State allows dedicated funding, transit will always be vulnerable as it is forced to compete with mandated services for limited funding.

## Seven Bridges Repair

Funds were granted to repair the lakeside bridge and another smaller bridge at Grant Park's Seven Bridges trails. After years of advocacy, we have been able to secure this funding. A contractor should repair the small bridge over the winter months. Final design and bidding should proceed soon for repair of the large lakeside bridge.

## Greene Park Improvements

Repairs are ongoing at Greene Park on Lunham Avenue. The parking lot is being repaved. The basketball and tennis courts are experiencing relocation and resurfacing.

## **Sheridan Park**

The Friends of Sheridan Park are dedicated to ongoing cleanup and graffiti watch. The group decorated a deciduous tree outside the skating shelter for the holidays.

I painted the wall on S-road to remove pornographic graffiti which needed to be eliminated forthwith. I felt like Tom Sawyer as hikers looked on with curiosity. The wall is now in good shape and painted brown.

I would like to thank all of the stewards of our parks who have pitched in to pick up litter, plant flowers, eradicate weeds, report suspicious activity, and participate in Friends and Park Watch groups.

## **Grant Park Roadway**

Due to other active design projects, roadway construction is scheduled for 2012. The new bidding schedule will help us to achieve better pricing. Advertising for bids will occur in February or March 2012. Construction should begin in early May and conclude in late June 2012. The project survey and preliminary engineering were completed in November 2011. The Parks department is currently televising the existing storm sewer system to resolve drainage issues at the site.

## **Parks and Wildlife**

Poaching in our County Parks is illegal. Milwaukee County Ordinance [47.05](#) prohibits hunting in the Parks without permission (although the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) controls some duck hunting at the shoreline). These rules allow the public to safely visit the park.

Shining any wild animal is illegal at night after 10 p.m. from September 15 through December 31 in Wisconsin. Shining is also illegal if the participant is carrying a firearm, bow and arrow or crossbow (although exceptions apply for hunting certain small game).

If you see anyone entering the park with a rifle or hear shots in the parks, please call the police immediately.

DNR Conservation Warden Ben Mott will attend the Friends of Grant Park's January 12, 2012, meeting at 7 p.m. at Grant Park Clubhouse to discuss suspected poaching at Grant Park. Warden Mott looks forward to your questions at this meeting.

## **Shakespeare in the Courts**

The County Board moved to advance the Shakespeare in the Courts program. This pilot program aims to reduce crime and save tax dollars at the same time.

Two of Milwaukee County's Circuit Court judges testified before the Judiciary and Health and Human Needs Committees to advocate for this unique program, which is not currently available in juvenile sentencing. Shakespeare in the Courts provides a summer program for a group of juveniles to work with faculty and thespians in producing and acting in a Shakespeare play, learning the ageless lessons of Shakespeare.

It costs Milwaukee County taxpayers more than \$100,000 per year to send just one juvenile to a state correctional facility. That's more than it costs to send 16 kids to UWM for one year. If we can divert funds away from the highest costs of

incarceration, County taxpayers save money. This sentence is effective for an appropriate group of young people, as it forces them to practice discipline, communication and hard work.

Our judges at Children’s Court have seen and heard it all. Thousands of kids come before them, many with stories that might break your heart. If these judges can distinguish between the few kids that would benefit from this program and those that need to be incarcerated, I will support their judgment.

[Here](#) is my opinion editorial on the subject that appeared in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

## **War Memorial Resolution**

I authored a [resolution](#) directing that the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center Board and related boards respond to an [audit](#). The goal is for these bodies to make recommendations to resolve concerns identified in the recent audit. Improvements in parking, facilities and governance will enable the War Memorial to more effectively honor veterans and promote the arts.

## **Changes for Voters with Limited Mobility**

“Indefinitely confined” voters are persons who, because of age, physical illness, infirmity or disability, may have difficulty traveling to the polling place.

### **An indefinitely confined voter can reside in:**

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|------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| ▪ Their own home | ▪ Apartment | ▪ Nursing Home | ▪ Other Care Facility |
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When applying for an absentee ballot, the voter must indicate they are indefinitely confined. Indefinitely confined voters will receive absentee ballots automatically for all elections until they fail to return a ballot.

[Here](#) is a brochure with details. The absentee ballot application for use in 2012 is available [here](#). It must be submitted to your city clerk no later than 5 p.m. on the Friday prior to the election.

The absentee ballot application is separate from voter registration. You must register to vote before you are allowed to receive an absentee ballot.

You may contact your City Clerk with questions:

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| St. Francis 481-2300 | South Milwaukee 762-2222      |
| Cudahy 769-2204      | Oak Creek City Clerk 768-6500 |

Please continue reading the following calendar to learn about informational events for voters on January 11 and 15.

## **Community Calendar**

**Saturday, December 31, 2010 – Ride FREE on all regular Milwaukee County buses, beginning at 8pm** until the regular ending times of most routes. Additionally, Routes 10, 11 (only between Holton & Capitol Drive and Mitchell Street & Kinnickinnic Avenue), 12, 15, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 27, 30, 62, and 80 will extend service until 4am the next day, operating each half hour. Thanks to Miller Lite for its sponsorship of the free rides. Please visit [www.ridemcts.com](http://www.ridemcts.com) for details.

**Sunday, January 1, 2010 – Cool Kite Festival, 11am-5pm**

The “Kite Whisperer” will provide kite-flying lessons. All are welcome to participate in this “fun flight” with a kite brought from home or one purchased at the event. Witness the giant kites of Yves Laforest. Watch ice artists in action and take a horse-drawn carriage ride for a small fee. Complementary hot chocolate and coffee while it lasts, thanks to Caribou Coffee. Dress warm. At Veterans Park, 1010 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr., Milwaukee. [www.giftofwings.com](http://www.giftofwings.com) 277-9121

**Sunday, January 1 – FREE Day at the Zoo, 9:30am-2:30pm**

Milwaukee County residents with ID receive free admission. The parking fee remains in effect. At Milwaukee County Zoo, 10001 West Blue Mound Road, Milwaukee. [milwaukeezoo.org](http://milwaukeezoo.org) 256-5466

**Saturday, January 7 – Family FREE Day at the Zoo, 9:30am-2:30pm**

All visitors receive free admission. The parking fee remains in effect. At Milwaukee County Zoo, 10001 West Blue Mound Road, Milwaukee. [milwaukeezoo.org](http://milwaukeezoo.org) 256-5466

**Saturday, January 7 – John Gurda: A Region Built on Water, 7:30pm**

Milwaukee Historian John Gurda examines the role of Lake Michigan and its tributaries in transportation, recreation and industry since the days of the Potawatomi to recently. Tickets are \$5. At South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center, 901 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, South Milwaukee, 766-5049.

**Tuesday, January 10 – Friends of Mill Pond meeting, 6:30pm**

At Marquette Manor (2409 10<sup>th</sup> Av, South Milwaukee). 571-1191

**Wednesday, January 11 – Voter ID Educational Event for Seniors**

Presented by the Milwaukee County Department on Aging and the Office of the County Executive. 8am Breakfast, 8:30am Press conference, 9-11am Panel discussion with question & answer. At the Italian Community Center, 631 E. Chicago St, Milwaukee.

**Thursday, January 12 – Grant Park Watch meeting, 6:30pm**

At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee. 764-7262 [www.fogp.org](http://www.fogp.org)

**Thursday, January 12 – Friends of Grant Park meeting, 7pm (following Park Watch)**

DNR Conservation Warden Ben Mott will discuss suspected poaching in Grant Park. At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee. 764-0612 [www.fogp.org](http://www.fogp.org)

**Sunday, January 15 – Samson Stomp & Romp for the Zoo, throughout the morning**

Participate in a run, walk or children’s romp in honor of Samson the gorilla and to benefit all of the animals in the Zoo’s collection. At Milwaukee County Zoo, 10001 W. Blue Mound Rd, Milwaukee. Register [here](#).

**Thursday, January 19 – Voter ID information session, 6-7:30pm**

Experts from the Government Accountability Board will provide information about changes in Wisconsin law requiring photo ID. Hosted by the South Milwaukee City Clerk’s Office at South Milwaukee City Hall, 2424 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, South Milwaukee. 762-2222.

**Wednesday, January 25 – Cudahy Neighborhood Watch meeting, 6pm**

At Cudahy Family Library, 3500 Library Dr., Cudahy. 414-324-5531

**Sunday, January 29, 2012 – New bus schedules, express service, and restructured routes take effect**

Preview schedules at [www.ridemcts.com](http://www.ridemcts.com) as soon as January 12.

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**Upcoming:**

**Friday, February 10 – Kelly Senior Center outing to Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre**

8:45 am: Buses depart Kelly Center, 6100 S. Lake Dr., Cudahy

Midmorning: Performance at the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts, Brookfield

Approximately Noon: Buses return to Kelly Center

Fee: \$12 (includes bus ride)

Please register by January 20 by calling 481-9611

**Wednesday, February 29 – Public Hearing on the Proposed Extension of 794 Lake Parkway, 6 p.m.:** View displays in the lobby (maps, charts, etc.)

**6:30 p.m.:** Formal presentation, followed by written or verbal comments/questions from the public. At South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center, 901 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, South Milwaukee

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**Ongoing:**

**THE DOMES**

**Music Under Glass, Thursdays until March 22, 6:30-8:30pm**



Enjoy the new lighting of The Domes with light shows at the break and following the concert. At The Domes, 524 S. Layton Blvd. 649-9830. [Regular admission applies](#). Check out the [schedule](#) of music.

**ICE SKATING**

**At Sheridan Park Lagoon, 4800 S. Lake Dr, Cudahy**  
Bring your own skates. Open weather permitting.  
Call 257-PARK (7275) or [visit this page](#) for current conditions.

**Sheridan Lagoon** opens when ice is sufficiently thick.

**At Red Arrow Park, 920 N. Water St, Milwaukee**  
(accessible via Route 15, [www.ridemcts.com](http://www.ridemcts.com))  
FREE rink. Skate rental: \$7 (ages 17 and under) or 8 (18+) (includes tax) or bring your own.  
Enjoy the adjacent warming house with restrooms and hot beverages! Closed for blizzard, wind chill or cold weather advisories from the National Weather Service. Details: <http://county.milwaukee.gov/RedArrow11930.htm>

**Red Arrow Rink**

Dec 26-30: 10am-Midnight  
Dec 31 (New Year's Eve): 10am-1am  
Jan 1, 2012: 11am-6pm  
  
Jan 2 -31:  
Mon-Th: 11am-8pm  
Fri-Sat: 11am-11pm  
Sun: 11am-6pm